

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Supplemental Amendment is responsive to a telephonic interview with Examiner Tran on February 11, 2008. This Supplemental Amendment should be entered after the entering of the Amendment dated January 9, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims 1, 11, 21, 23, 31, and 34-38 are respectfully requested.

Present Status of the Patent Application

Claims 1, 11, 21, 23, 31, and 34-38 remain pending in the present application. Claims 2-10, 12-20, 22, 24-30, 32, and 33 have been cancelled without prejudice for filing of a divisional patent application. The text of previously cancelled claims and previously withdrawn and now cancelled claims is not shown pursuant to 37 CFR 121(c)(4)(i). Claims 1, 11, 21, 31, and 35-38 have been amended.

Substance of the Interview

A telephonic interview for the above-referenced patent application was conducted on February 11, 2008, with Examiner Tran and Bernard Kleinke participating. The Examiner and Mr. Kleinke discussed and arrived at the claim amendments to claim 1 as shown in this Supplemental Amendment. The Examiner stated that if all the independent claims were modified in a manner similar to that discussed regarding claim 1, the claims would distinguish over the cited Bancroft reference. The amendments to the claims are as discussed with Examiner Tran during the telephone interview, with the only exception being that the term "top" has been replaced with "upward rear-end portion" as used in the specification at line 1 of page 7 thereof.

Therefore, Applicant believes that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

The other cited art of record has been reviewed, and it is believed that the claims, as amended, patentably distinguish thereover.

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that now pending claims 1, 11, 21, 23, 31, and 34-38 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 619-209-3063.

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Respectfully submitted,

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